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STORM UPDATE – AUGUST 18, 2011: STATE OF EMERGENCY LIFTED

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Committee, and Deputy Director David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee, today announced that the County State of Emergency will be lifted as of 2 PM on August 18, 2011.

“While we are still working to ensure the integrity of our transportation infrastructure, we believe that we can reasonably and responsibly lift the State of Emergency in Salem County,” said Freeholder Deputy Director David Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee. “The Office of Emergency Management is lifting the State of Emergency, and will continue to work with the State and FEMA to help Salem County recover from the flooding event.”

“This past weekend’s storm tested the resources our county and local governments, but I am proud to say that the men and women who serve at all levels of public service did and continue to do an exemplary job,” said Freeholder Bobbitt, Chair of the County Public Works Department. “We are at work repairing and rebuilding the areas affected by the storm and this will continue over the coming weeks and months. It is essential that we work quickly and effectively to reopen the roadways affected. Public safety is always our top priority.”

Almond Road, near the Centerton Country Club, was repaired and reopened on August 17, 2011. Bridgeton Road (CR-614) has been reopened as of today. The following roads remain closed:

1. Burlington Road CR-677 is closed from Sand Bridge Road to EFT Road due to Greenville Bridge
2. Greenville Road from Olivet Road CR-690 to Grier’s Lane closed due to Bridge 1230
3. Olivet Road CR-690 from Dealtown Road CR-612 to Palatine Road CR-608 closed due to road failure.



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Freeholder Bobbitt reports that the County will today be entering into a contract with Pierson construction to repair Olivet Road at Palatine lake. The work will commence next week and should be substantially completed by the end of the week. The County will be receiving quotes tomorrow to repair Greenville Road at Bridge #1230 with the goal having that road reopened the following week.

“We are continuing to work with our legislative representatives in securing disaster relief for Salem County,” said Freeholder Bobbitt. “This will not be a quick process, but it is one that we will relentlessly pursue to work toward rebuilding.”